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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE/ISRAELI RELATIONS

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON DCM AUGUST 9, NEWLY ARRIVED ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL YA'ACOV YASSOUR SAID HE WAS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PORTUGAL'S DESIRE TO UPGRADE ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. YASSOUR STATED THAT HE HAS FOUND MEMBERS OF SOARES'SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT ON THE WHOLE FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING TO HIM, AND THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO MEET LATER THIS WEEK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (MAGALHAES CRUZ) TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN GOP/GOI RELATIONS.

2. BIOGRAPHIC NOTE: YASSOUR SAID HE WAS NOT CAREER DIPLOMAT BUT HAD SPENT LAST TWO YEARS IN ISRAELI FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID HE HAD SPENT HIS EARLIER CAREER IN THE HAIFA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND WAS AT ONE POINT INVOLVED IN THEATER. HE IS BESSARABIAN-BORN, SPEAKS NATIVE RUSSIAN, GOOD FRENCH, AND HALTING ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO GROWN SONS--THE OLDER IS STUDYING AERONAUTICS IN ISRAEL AND THE YOUNGER IS A
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3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL BIO INFO TEL AVIV
OR DEPT MAY HAVE ON YASSOUR.
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